

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 272

By Barnes

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Andrew Ray Simmons,
2009 Co-Valedictorian of Houston County High
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Ray Simmons is one such exceptional student who was recently named Co-Valedictorian of the 2009 graduating class at Houston County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, he has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in Andrew's remarkable high school career, he has earned an exemplary grade point average while participating in a number of extracurricular activities and earning several honors; and

WHEREAS, he is a member of the Houston County High School baseball team, TN Scholars, Youth Leadership Houston County, the Health Occupations Students of America, and the Prom Committee; Andrew Simmons is also listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, a leader among his peers, Mr. Simmons is Student Council Senior Class President and President of the Beta Club, and he served as the Houston High Senior Homecoming Attendant; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his commitments to academics and athletics, Andrew Simmons dedicates considerable amounts of his time to his church youth group as well as Fellowship Christian Academy, and he participated in a church mission trip in 2006 and attended a Nazarene Youth Conference; and

WHEREAS, Andrew's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Donnie and Tammy Simmons, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Andrew's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2009 Houston County High School Co-Valedictorian, Andrew Ray Simmons, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.